

## Public Notice – Environmental Permit

**PURPOSE OF NOTICE:** To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality that will allow a modification to authorized surface water impacts associated with the Potomac River Water Supply Project in Loudoun County, Virginia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** For 30 days, starting from the day after the notice is in the newspaper: **MONTH DAY, YEAR** to **MONTH DAY, YEAR**.

**PERMIT NAME:** Virginia Water Protection Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the State Water Control Board

**APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER:** Loudoun County Sanitation Authority (d.b.a. Loudoun Water); P.O. Box 4000, 44865 Loudoun Water Way, Ashburn, Virginia 20146; VWPP No. 10-2020

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Loudoun County Sanitation Authority (d.b.a. Loudoun Water) has applied for a modification of VWP Permit No. 10-2020 for the Potomac River Water Supply Project. The modification to the permit is to revise authorized surface water impacts as a result of the completion of additional engineering and design work on the raw and finished water lines and Potomac River raw water intake. No changes are proposed to previously permitted surface water withdrawal volumes or instream flow conditions. The proposed modification will result in a net increase in permanent impacts to 0.03 acre of palustrine forested wetlands (PFO) wetlands, 0.02 acre of palustrine emergent wetlands (PEM) and 30 linear feet of stream channel, a decrease of 0.03 acre of PFO wetlands to PEM wetlands conversion impact, and a net increase in temporary impacts to 0.03 acre of PFO wetlands, 0.09 acre of PEM wetlands and 182 linear feet of stream channel. The activity proposed in the permit will affect the Potomac River and unnamed tributaries of Goose, Tuscarora and Sycolin Creeks in the Potomac River watershed. A watershed is the land area drained by a river and its incoming streams. To compensate for the additional surface water impacts, the applicant will purchase 0.05 wetland credits from Licking Run Mitigation Bank and 140 stream condition units from the Northern Virginia Stream Restoration Bank. DEQ's preliminary decision is to issue the permit.

**HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING:** DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. A public hearing may be held, including another comment period, if public response is significant, based on individual requests for a public hearing, and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

**CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Sarah Marsala; VA Dept. of Environmental Quality, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, Virginia 22193-1453; Phone: 703-583-3898; E-mail: Sarah.Marsala@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: 703-583-3841. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above by appointment or may request copies of the documents from the contact person listed below.